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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
(INTELLIGENCE) (R&M)

SUBJECT: Key Intelligence Questions

Per your memo of 18 May 1975, I have reviewed the  
KIQs for FY75 and offer the following comments:

- o Overall the KIQs are not strong on technology, a situation which I trust will be ameliorated through the efforts of the Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee. STIC is addressing the need for increased attention to foreign science and technology and is developing a set of items to be proposed for inclusion in the FY76 KIQs. As ARPA is represented on the STIC, our more detailed suggestions will be included in that proposal.
- o With specific reference to the FY75 KIQs, I note that when technology is mentioned it is in an operational context, as in KIQs 17 and 21. To assist in preserving our lead-time advantage, it would be useful to address technology developments, as well as applications, in the analysis. Many obviously important technologies such as computers, LSI, etc. are not mentioned. Perhaps this general situation indicates that the R&D community has not been a strong user of KIQ output.
- o Certain additional topics could profitably be included under the Second Substantive Objective. Among these, Soviet space systems and Soviet perceptions of the U. S. space program appear to be worthy of individual attention, as would Soviet

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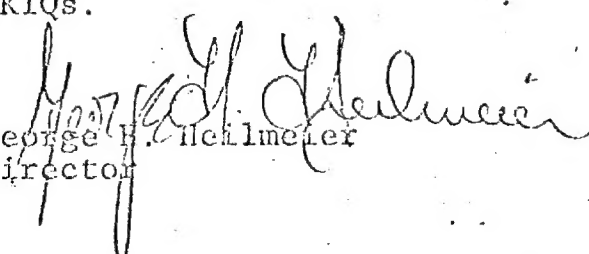
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C<sup>3</sup> developments with special reference to the impact of Soviet cybernetic sciences on this area.

- o Tactical system developments are of high importance. SAM upgrade and mobile SAMs with ABM capability are examples which might be included.
- o Under KIQ 37, nuclear weapon development in the Middle East could be mentioned specifically.

I trust that these comments will be useful in the coming Formal Review of the FY76 KIQs.

  
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